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**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))**

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:

Gregory L. Merriil, Richard L. Cunningham, J. Michael Brown, Robert F. Cohen, Philip G. Feldman

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING FORCE FOR MANIPULATION OF MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Please find enclosed:

23 Page(s) of Specification and Claims,  
 01 Page of Abstract,  
 4 Sheet(s) of **informal** Drawings,  
 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 Preliminary amendment.  
 Information Disclosure Statement.  
 Verified Statement that this filing is by a small entity.  
 Assignment of the invention to Immersion Corporation.  
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor      Gregory L. Merrill

Title      Method and Apparatus for Controlling Force for Manipulation of Medical Instruments

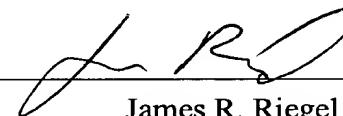
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